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1. Although I have no way of ascertaining authenticity, there have been a number of rumors emanating from former German territory in what is now Poland, and from the Sudetenland in Czechoslovakia, that Polish and Czech farmers who were settled in former German-owned properties are abandoning the farms.
2. It has been reported that Polish farmers on former German owned land are very uncertain about their future and fear that the original owners will return. As a consequence many are returning to Central Poland from where they had been moved by the Communist regime.
3. A similar situation has been reported in the former Sudeten area in Czechoslovakia. In this area it is rumored that the Czechs are requesting letters from the few Germans who are still left that the Czechs have been "nice" to the Germans. These letters would be used as a form of insurance in the event of return of German control at some time in the future.
4. Regardless of the truth of such reports I believe that it is a definite fact that agricultural production in former German areas now occupied by the Poles and Czechs has dropped drastically.
5. It is also true that there is a strong and growing movement in Germany (Federal Republic) known as the Irridenta Movement which is composed of Germans expelled from Poland and Czechoslovakia.
6. Recently at Nurnberg there was a mass meeting of over ten thousand Silesian expellees. This area had originally been settled by people from Franconia. The expellees returned to Franconia and developed a strong political force.

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7. The political party BHE is the political spokesman for such expellees but does not represent the majority of refugees. Most of these refugees demand to be returned to their original homelands and to have their property restored to them. They want the "Right of Homeland" to be declared as a basic human right by the United Nations and to have such right become international law.

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